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PONCE, P. R., *October 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health for the week ended October 6, 1900.

Acting in conformity with Asst. Surg. C. H. Lavinder, I have sent notices to the collector of customs, pilots, and agents of all vessels that vessels coming direct from ports of the United States proper, except Californian ports, would not be inspected hereafter unless the port of departure be suspicious and quarantined against.

This measure will relieve this station of about one-third of the previous amount of boarding.

The sanitary condition continues with but little change.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow—No case of plague since September 20.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *October 9, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 6, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. Three of these were for Canadian ports and 1 was a reinspection of a vessel that had put back to Greenock for repairs. There were inspected 343, crew; 219 cabin and 68 steerage passengers, and 27 cattlemen. Seventy pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 12 pieces were disinfected. Two steerage passengers were rejected for varicella and 1 cabin passenger for fever.

The plague situation remains as at my last report. There has not been a new case reported since the 20th ultimo. One death has been reported during the week, making the total deaths in hospital 8, and leaving 20 cases under treatment. Some time must elapse before these cases can be discharged as cured and the city be declared free from infection. A case of plague is reported this week from Cardiff, in the case of a sailor who arrived from the River Platte at the Tyne. He landed at South Shields on September 23, and left New Castle on the 25th for his home in or near Cardiff, where he died on the 4th instant. I will endeavor to obtain further details of this case.

I would state in regard to ballast taken from this port under the title of "rubbish," that this is earth and stones from a railroad cutting now being made near the docks, and I think is as safe as any that can be obtained.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

The case of plague at Llandaff.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *October 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to give the following facts concerning the case of plague near Cardiff, as furnished me by the local government board:

A donkeyman named Garnett, aged 38, arrived in the Tyne on September 23 in the steamship *South Garth*, which had come from the River